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January 28th, 1920

The Honourable C. J. Dougherty,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sir:

I am given to understand that Mr. Bliss Carmen, the well-known Canadian poet, is seriously ill at Saranac, and that he is in a condition of great destitution. It seems pitiful that one of the chief poets of Canada, though of late years in order to make a living he has found it necessary to reside in New York, should at this time of his sickness be in such great destitution. I know that from private sources some money has been raised for his help, but if it were possible for the Government to make a grant to him in recognition of his services I should think that their action would be approved by a large number of Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Dear Mr. President,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, with reference to Mr. Bliss Carmen and am bringing the matter to the attention of the Acting Prime Minister and my colleagues and commending the suggestion to their favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Chas Fitzpatrick

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February 4th, 1920

The Honourable C. J. Doherty,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by Sir Robert Falconer to thank you for your letter of January 30th in reply to his regarding Mr. Miss Carmen.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.